

of this massive investment. Additionally, the House Parliamentarian's Office has also confirmed to my staff that this bill presents significant jurisdictional issues with respect to the House's rule against appropriating in an authorizing bill.

I believe there is a better way forward that is consistent with the longstanding regular order of this body. Subjecting this funding to the appropriations process would ensure that we make these valuable investments in our nation's wildlife while at the same time preserving the important role Congress must play in overseeing our Article I responsibilities.

It pains me that we were not able to resolve these differences because as a longtime appropriator, I fully understand the need for robust, long-term investments to protect our environment and natural habitats. However, as chair of the House Committee on Appropriations I must vote against this legislation. The Founders were crystal clear about the importance of the power of the purse. Our duty to the American people is to ensure that we do not abdicate our responsibility to be effective stewards of taxpayer resources.

My hope is that I can work with my colleagues here in the House and in the Senate to come to a stronger, bipartisan agreement on moving this bill forward in a manner that is consistent with the rules of this body and Congress' power of the purse.

CONGRATULATING LTC ERIC
MARSHALL

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Eric Marshall on his retirement from the United States Army. LTC Marshall has had an illustrious career lasting over 20 years serving in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, culminating as the Honolulu District's Commander.

In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. In particular, our U.S. Army recruiting center ranks number one in the nation in enlistment rate.

To that end I would like to recognize all the work LTC Marshall has done to lead throughout his career in situations such as leading dive missions, having a key managing role in the Western Closure, commanding the B/1-48th infantry company, and imparting his knowledge on future leaders in the Army through his instruction and course direction in physics at West Point.

He has an extensive list of military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Bronze DeFleury, and is currently nominated for the Silver DeFleury. He is a graduate of the prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy and received his Master's Degree in nuclear engineering from MIT.

In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all over the world.

I thank Eric for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. Best wishes to him and his family as he departs Honolulu. I congratulate him on his retirement and the great future ahead. Again, I thank him for his service and his time dedicated to our beautiful island.

God bless you on your journey. (Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala). Soifua.

HONORING MR. GENE WEEKS

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD
OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Gene Weeks, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Weeks is a dedicated educator of 36 years, who served as a coach, athletic director, principal, and assistant superintendent throughout his time at the Greene County Tech School District. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Greene County Tech after 7 years in the position.

Mr. Weeks devoted his career to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His commitment to the health, education, and success of his students was invaluable to our community, and I am certain the First District is better because of service.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARLA E.
PÉREZ-DAVIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Marla E. Pérez-Davis for her remarkable service as Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) John H. Glenn Research Center, both the main campus at Lewis Field in Brook Park, Ohio and the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, Ohio—and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

Over her nearly forty-year career at NASA, Dr. Pérez-Davis nobly delivered for the American people in a variety of crucial roles, including Deputy Director of the Research and Engineering Directorate, Director of the Aeronautics Research Office, Chief of the Project Liaison and Integration Office, and Chief of the Electrochemistry Branch.

Upon taking the helm as Director of the Glenn Research Center, Dr. Pérez-Davis went to work leading a team of more than 3,200 dedicated professionals in the awe-inspiring mission of advancing humanity's understanding of the cosmic wonders beyond.

Dr. Pérez-Davis' leadership has been instrumental in driving Glenn Research Center's progress as a renowned hub for unrivaled innovation, technological excellence, economic development, and scientific discovery. Her commitment to expanding aerospace capabilities; assuring cybersecurity and quantum computing protections; and partnering with schools, students, and the wider community leave the Glenn Research Center in a strong position for the future ahead.

It has been a sincere honor to work with Dr. Pérez-Davis—an esteemed leader who relentlessly focused on propelling the Glenn Research Center—and the whole of NASA's global enterprise—on its journey toward a new era of breathtaking enlightenment.

I speak for the entire community of Northern Ohio in thanking Dr. Pérez-Davis and wishing her all the best in her next endeavor.